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The following memoranda on three sheets of paper, typewritten, signed as shown by different persons, namely, by E. P. Prunty to that dated 3/24/16; that headed "Additional History" not dated but signed in typewriting Cash Prunty; that following in pencil, not dated, but signed C. C. Prunty, was received from Mr. O. C. Prunty, Route 4, Knoxville, on promise I would return it together with such carbon copies as can readily be made, retaining in the Historical Department of Iowa the proof-read carbon copy.

E. R. Harlan

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Prunty History

Dictated by B. F. Prunty to his daughter, Harriet Munsell 3/24/16

Your great great grandfather's name was Ashby Prunty. He was a captain in the Revolutionary War. Regiment and company are not known by me. Irish blood was among the early first Colony Settlers. After the War he settled in West Virginia and there is a town called Pruntytown marked on many of the old maps, but not all of them. There he raised a family and was at one time a member of the Virginia Legislature. One son, John, born in 1771 emigrated to Scott County, Kentucky. He was married and reared a family there. He was a soldier in the Indian war in 1812 and a frontier spy for many years to protect settlers from the Indians. He was your great grandfather. Your grandfather, Elias Prunty, was born in Scott County, Kentucky, May 15, 1809. He lived there and learned his trade as an apprentice boy in Cincinnati, Ohio, in cabinet making and painting. He followed this trade nearly all his active life. When a young man 23 or 24 he moved to Morgan County, Ill. bringing his father, mother, three brothers and one sister with him. He seemed to be at the head of the family. His parents always lived with him. In the year, 1835 he married Harriet Cassel, also a Kentucky emigrant to Morgan County, Ill. about the same time, but I don't think the families were acquainted in Kentucky. They were married at Jacksonville, Ill. and settled half way between Springfield and Jacksonville on the Old State Road, a town now called New Berlin. I was born there April 15, 1841. In 1844, father with his family moved to Iowa near Monroe, bringing also his father and mother. Grandfather died that fall in the second congestive chill, which in that day was very fatal. My father

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moved sixteen miles farther West near Vandalia in 1845 and he and mother were buried there in the Vandalia Cemetery. So you see your grandfather andgrandmother on both side of the house are buried in the Vandalia Cemetery. My grandfather and your great grandfather were buried four miles South of Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa on Ash Prunty's first claim taken in 1844 in Marion County, Ia.

Now I have told you as correctly as I can the history of the Prunty side. There is a little war item that is of interest to me. Every generation since the Revolution has served in a war or had the opportunity to serve. My father was not in the war with Mexico in 1846, but we had the war all the same. My boys are eligible for the present with Mexico. I served three years in the Civil War, grandfather in the War of 1812, my great grandfather in the Revolution. Five generations have been in five wars.

I don't know very far back on my mother's side. She was the only child of Benjamin Cassel by his first wife born at Lexington, Kentucky. Her mother died when she was only a year old. She knew nothing of her own mother's folks. I have not even the name. She was reared by a step-mother with a large family. Her father was a German. He served in the War of 1812 and was a very religious andgood man. The family, though large, is all dead. They died at an early age.

The Elias Prunty family:

Those born in Morgan Co. Ill.		Those born in Vandalia, Iowa	
Elizabeth A. Prunty	1836	David Prunty	1845
Mary B. Prunty	1837	George Prunty	1847
John Prunty	1839-died 1840	Jane Prunty	1849
Benjamin F. Prunty	Apr.15, 1841 -died 1923	Nancy Prunty	1851-1858
Sallie Prunty	1843	Twins	
		Emma Prunty	1855
		Robert Prunty	1858

Harriet Prunty, born 1815 in Lexington, Ky. died 1876 in Cherokee County, Iowa. Elias Prunty, born 1809, Scott Co. Ky. died 1894 in Cherokee County, Iowa. Was married at Jacksonville, Ill. 1835. Buried Vandalia, Iowa.

B. F. Prunty and Susan Engle married Oct. 11, 1868 at Vandalia. Moved to Polk county, in 1870.
B. F. Prunty and Maude married Sept. 21, 1904 at Ottumwa, Ia.

The B. F. Prunty family:

Charles O. Prunty	July 28, 1869	died Dec. 11, 1924
Abbie A. Prunty	Oct. 17, 1870	Died June 10, 1930
Sadie E. Prunty	Aug. 7, 1872	
Bert S. Prunty	Apr. 25, 1875	
Harriet S. Prunty	Apr. 5, 1878	
Dollie Prunty	Oct. 22, 1879	died Nov. 3, 1879
B. Franklin Prunty	May 20, 1883	

(written in pencil) This is history of Uncle Bens family

Additional history

The great grandfather mentioned was John Prunty, born Dec. 21, 1771 in Harrison county, Virginia. He died Sept. 14, 1845, Red Rock, Ia. His wife, Sarah Ann (Emerson) Prunty, born Jan. 20, 1788, Georgetown, Scott county, Virginia, died Nov. 15, 1858, in Antioch, Ill. Hiram Prunty was captured by the Indians and was supposed to have been killed, but my investigations lead me to believe he is the grandfather of the Prunty group in Texas with whom I have had correspondence.

Cash Prunty

(written in pencil)

This grave is on a high point north of the D M river about 3/4 mile and little south of west of the cemetary from Red Rock, or about 30 steps north and west of the N.W. corner of the excavation of the old stone quary, it used to be marked by the blazing on a big Elm tree, now Jan 13 1930 there is just a slight remainder of the trunk of the old tree the blazing disappeared about 5 years ago, it is cloce to the old Government line or

boundary for the Indians it is distinguished by being a little east of the Government line and a mound square with the world while the Government mounds are sort of a south westerly direction and in straight line with other markings of the line. While the grave is in a blue grass pasture belonging to the Polk & Hubbel estate it is fast becoming hard to locate.

Ole Prunty

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